

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

In claim 11, line 1, please replace "as claimed in claim 9 or 10" with  
—as claimed in claim 9—.

In claim 12, line 1, please replace "as claimed in claim 9 or 10" with  
—as claimed in claim 9—.

In claim 30, line 3, please replace "as claimed in any of claims 26 to 29"  
with —as claimed in claim 26—.

## REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 11, 12 and 30 and to amend the specification to include information regarding the prior filed application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's primary attorney-of record, Michael D. Schumann (Reg. No. 30,422), at (612) 336-4638.

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